

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Tomio MIMURA, et al.

GAU: unassigned

SERIAL NO: New Application

EXAMINER: unassigned

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FOR: AMINE RECOVERY METHOD AND APPARATUS AND DECARBONATION APPARATUS
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REQUEST FOR PRIORITY

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Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number 10/168,975, filed August 13, 2002, which is the national stage of PCT/JP01/09310, filed October 24, 2001, is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §120.

Full benefit of the filing date(s) of U.S. Provisional Application(s) is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119(e): Application No. Date Filed

Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119, as noted below.

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority:

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>APPLICATION NUMBER</u>	<u>MONTH/DAY/YEAR</u>
Japan	2000-324965	October 25, 2000

Certified copies of the corresponding Convention Application(s)

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were filed in prior application Serial No. filed

were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number PCT/JP01/09310. Receipt of the certified copies by the International Bureau in a timely manner under PCT Rule 17.1(a) has been acknowledged as evidenced by the attached PCT/IB/304.

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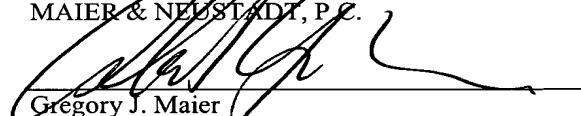
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